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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of students coming for higher education are likely to go up from nine million now to 14 million during the next five years; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the enhanced growth?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) The X Five year Plan proposal of theMinistry of Human Resource Development for higher education developmenthas, inter alia, targetted that a minimum of 10% of the relevant age group (17-23) needs to be enrolled in higher education. The strategy would include both the conventional and open learning systems to reach this goal. Use of information and communication technology and maximum use of existing infrastructure is considered essential to help in building up a more inclusive higher education scenario.